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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: McConnell, et al.

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Examiner: James A. Kramer

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING THE EFFECTIVE

VELOCITY OF ITEMS THROUGH A STORE OR WAREHOUSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2004, Applicants submit herewith an Amendment and Reply. In addition, please provide a two-month Extension of Time up to and including August 11, 2004 to answer the Office Action as provided for in 37 CFR 1.136. A check in the amount of \$420.00 for the Extension of Time fee is enclosed.

If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicants request that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

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